

U.S. Military Services

**“Sharing: Together We
Stand”**





Agenda

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- ❖ Program Drivers
- ❖ Reasons for Collaboration
- ❖ Service Specific Briefs
 - Army
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 - Air Force
- ❖ Questions

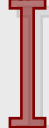
Common Ground Definitions

Joint Venture

This term refers to a DVA (VHA) and DoD approved dual Agency, locally negotiated partnership with a specific concept, (i.e. integration or collocation), usually involving a capital expenditure by which to generate an increased level of beneficiary services to achieve a mutually accepted economy of scale, that benefits both agencies.

Capital expenditure: the construction of a new facility, or renovation of an existing facility, and/or the purchasing of capital equipment.

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Common Ground Definitions

Sharing Agreement

This is a “Cooperative Agreement” for the exchange of, or the sharing of, health/medical care resources between the VA and DoD MTFs, as authorized by Public Law 97-174 (enacted on 4 May 1982), i.e., “The Veterans Administration (DVA) and Department of Defense (DoD) Health Resources Sharing and Emergency Operations Act,” codified as Title 38 United States Code (U.S.C) Section 8111 (dated 4 May 1982).

Not to be confused with “Interagency Agreements,” usually referred to as “Interagency Support Agreements.” [DoDI 4000.19, 9 Aug 95]

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Common Ground

“Resources Sharing”

- ❖ Resources Sharing refers to “sharing” of all, or a combination of the following:
 - Administration and Buildings
 - Contracting and Construction
 - Equipment and Facilities
 - Medical Staff and Personnel
 - Purchasing
 - Services: Clinical and Non-Clinical
 - Space, Supplies, or Systems
 - GME Education and Training



Program Drivers

- ❖ Presidential Task Force
- ❖ Congressional Legislation
- ❖ Office of the Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) [OSD(HA)]
- ❖ Service Leadership
- ❖ Our Beneficiaries
- ❖ The right thing to do

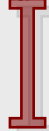




Reasons for Collaboration

- ❖ Encourage cost effective use of Federal health care resources:
 - Minimize duplication of services
 - Minimize under use of health care resources
- ❖ Reduce health care costs to the Federal Government
- ❖ Provide services that benefit all VA/DoD beneficiaries
- ❖ Maximize the sharing of health care resources between VA and DoD

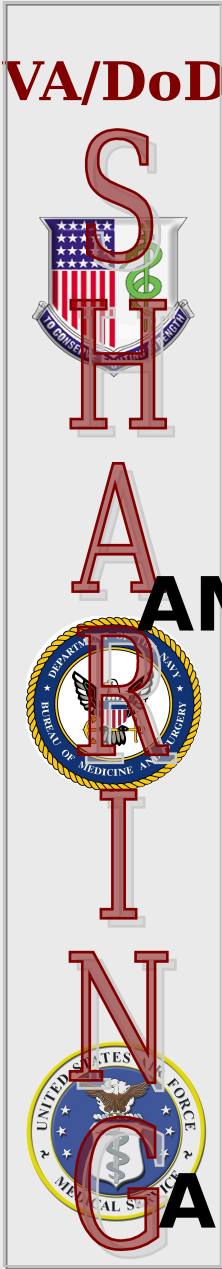
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Army Medical Department (AMEDD)

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Office of The Surgeon General (OTSG) Army Medical Command (MEDCOM)

Notification



AMEDD Regional Medical Commands (RMC)

Action



AMEDD Medical Treatment Facilities (MTF)

AMEDD: Resources Sharing Agreements

- ❖ Resources sharing agreements are usually originated and negotiated at the local level (VAMC / MTF)
- ❖ Approval of DA agreements is at the regional level:
 - DA - Army Regional Medical Command (RMC).



AMEDD: MTF Commander Responsibilities

- ❖ Negotiate with the VA to produce resources sharing agreements, which are mutually beneficial to both agencies.
- ❖ Ensure appropriate legal documents are completed, signed, and approved.
- ❖ Ensure the availability of funds, and that correct funding mechanisms are used.
- ❖ Ensure actions taken are in accordance with appropriate regulations, directives, etc.

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AMEDD Process Summary

- ❖ Agreement signed by both Departments:
 - MTFs receive approval from their RMCs.
 - VA medical facilities go through their VISN to the VA Central Office for approval.
 - Sharing Agreements go into effect automatically no later than 46 days after being submitted for approval, unless disapproved by the approving authority.
- ❖ If acquisition of additional resources is required, approval of resources must be made prior to submitting the agreement for approval.



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AMEDD's Ongoing Commitment

❖ 6 of the 8 Demonstration Projects.

➤ **Budget and Financial Management:**

- ✓ Tripler Army Medical Center, and VA Pacific Islands Health Care System

➤ **Coordinated Staffing and Assignment:**

- ✓ Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, and Augusta VA Medical Center

➤ **Medical Information / Information Technology:**

- ✓ Madigan Army Medical Center and Puget Sound VA Health Care System
- ✓ William Beaumont Army Medical Center and El Paso VA Health Care System
- ✓ Brooke Army Medical Center, Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, and South Texas VA Health Care System
 - 2 Separate Projects

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AMEDD's Ongoing Commitment

- ❖ Joint Incentive Fund
- ❖ Seamless Transition
- ❖ C&P Joint Physical
 - All AMEDD MTFs with MOAs
- ❖ 2 +(1) Joint Venture Sites
- ❖ Existing Partnerships
 - Alaska Health Care Partnership
 - Hawaii Federal Health Care Partnership
 - Pacific Telehealth and Technology Hui

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Bureau of Medicine & Surgery (BUMED)



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Naval Medicine Pursuit of VA/DoD Sharing

- ❖ Commanding Officers have been directed to pursue VA/DoD sharing opportunities that result in mutual benefit to both organizations.
- ❖ As part of the normal business planning process COs are analyzing all health care resources available to them to meet the healthcare demand, including VA services available locally.

Navy Sharing Agreement Process

- ❖ Agreements are negotiated by the MTF CO
- ❖ Reviewed by the Regional Support Office (HSO)
- ❖ Approved by BUMED. Approval authority resides with BUMED.

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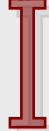




Incentive Fund Initiatives

- ❖ Following NH Great Lakes/North Chicago VA submissions approved.
 - Mammography Services
 - Women's Health Clinic
 - Joint Fixed Site - MRI

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Discharge/ Seamless Transition

- ❖ Actively engaged in the Seamless Transition initiative.

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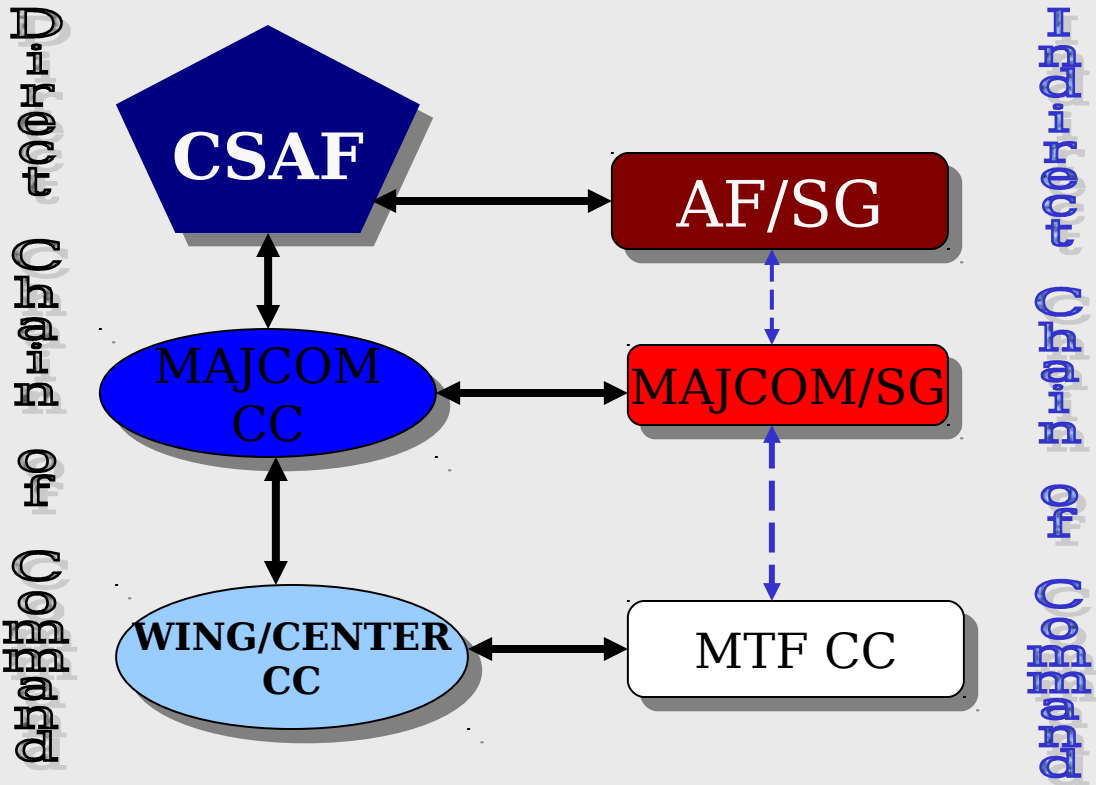


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AF Organizational Alignment

Line versus Medical

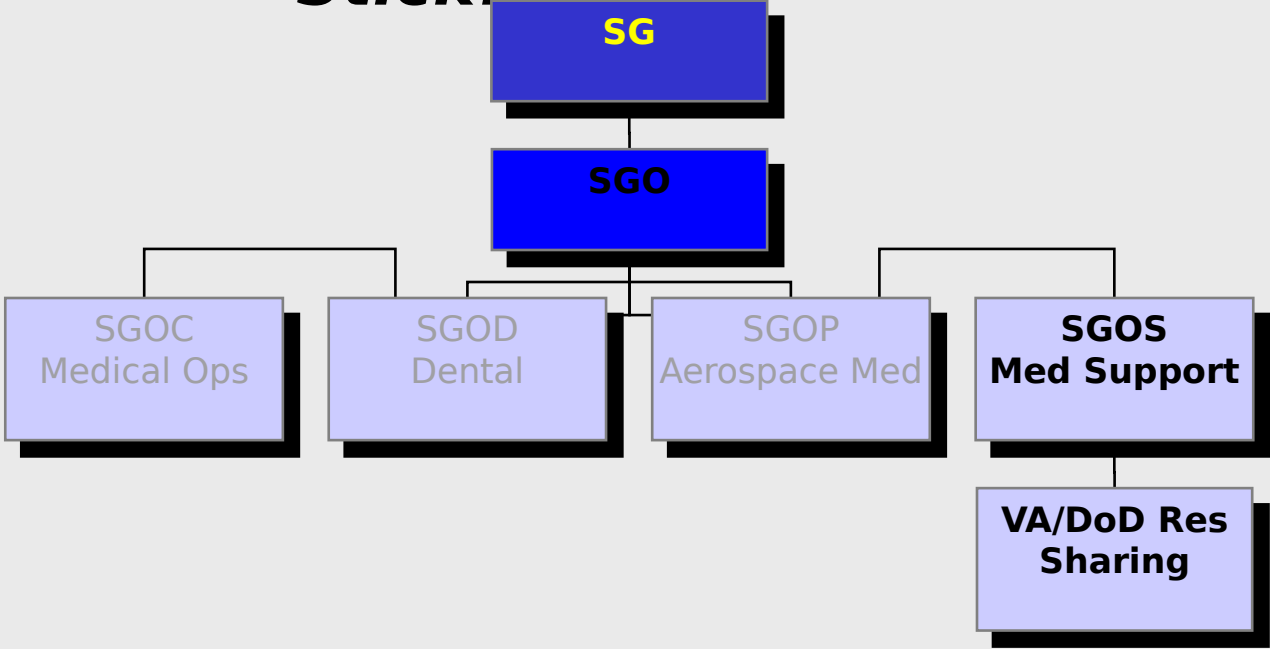


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AF/SG Organizational Alignment

"Who's Got the Stick?"



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AF/SG Organizational Alignment

"Who's Got the Stick?"

"The VA/DoD Resource Sharing initiative is considered a high priority and ... has driven us to look at our Air Force program for areas of needed improvement. ...The importance of this program cannot be understated."

Lt Gen George Peach

Air Force Surgeon

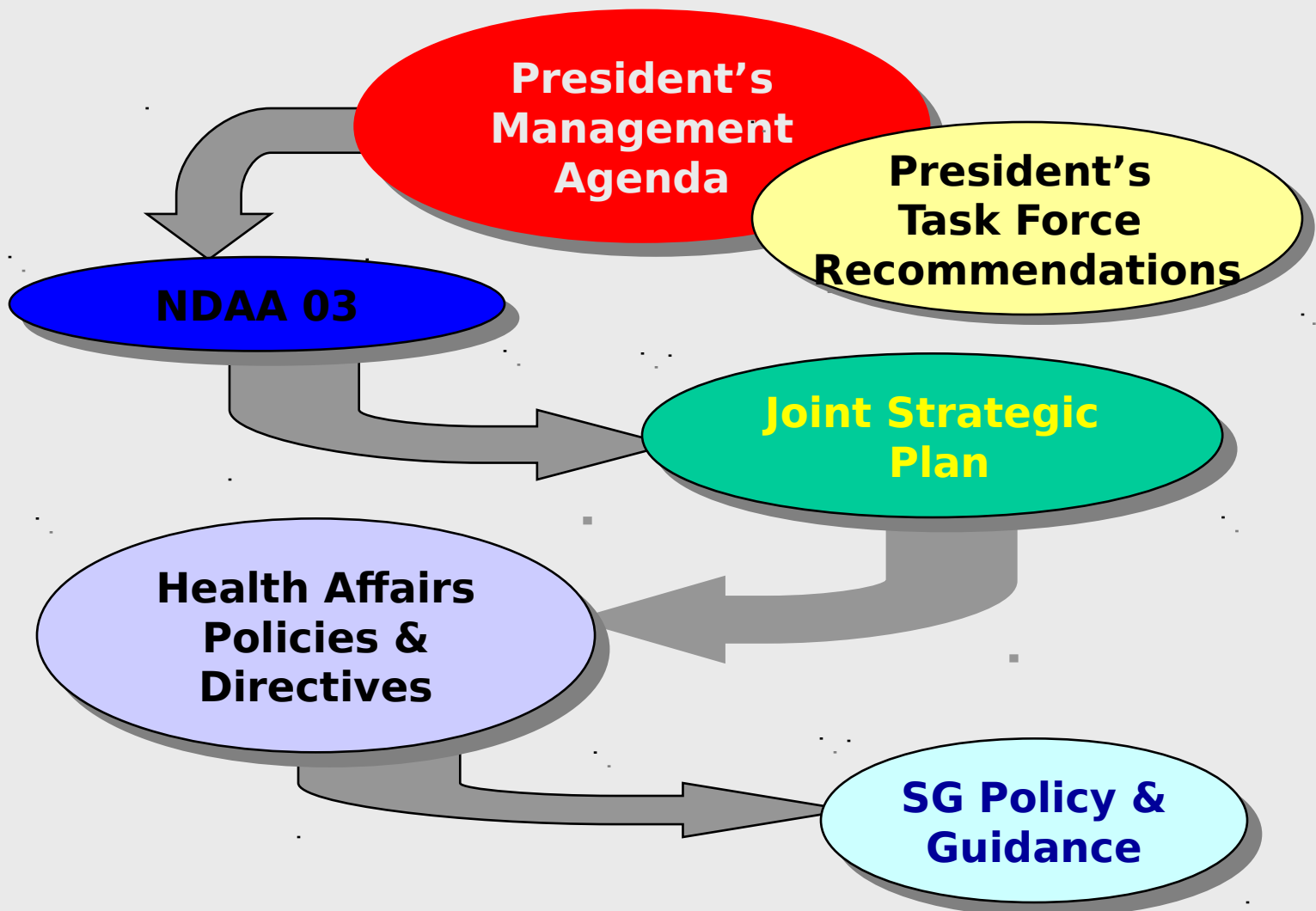
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Program Drivers

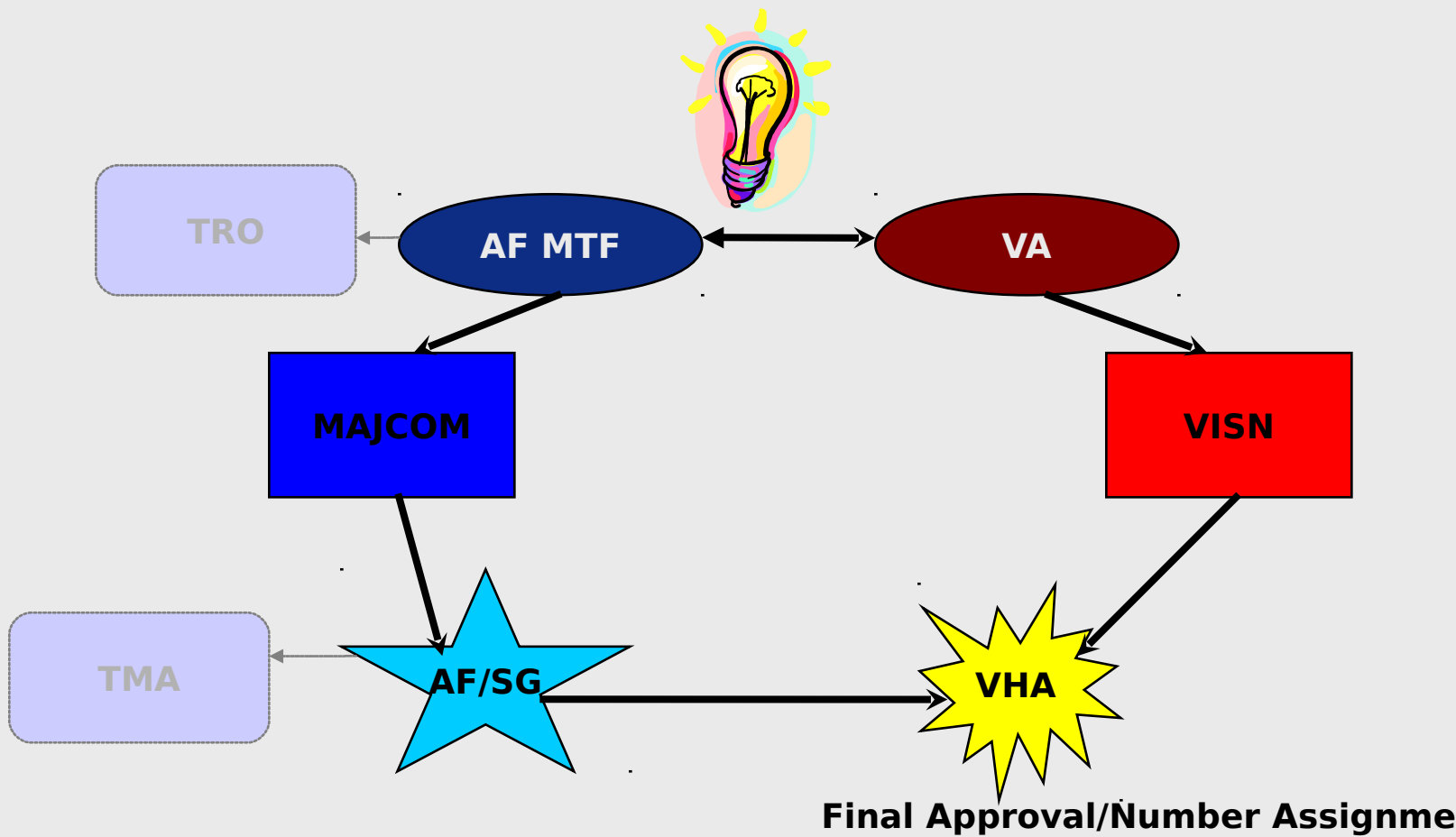


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AF Policies & Directives

Agreement Approval Process



AF Policies & Directives

Other Hot Issues

- ❖ Seamless Transitions
- ❖ Single Separation Physical
- ❖ GAO Audits
- ❖ Joint Incentive Fund
- ❖ Seed money for sharing agreements
 - AF/SG..."There is no seed money... either find the dollars internal to your program or request in programming cycle."

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AF Policies & Directives

Other Hot Issues

- ❖ Demonstration Project Update
 - Selected Sites: Budget & Financial Mgmt
 - ✓ Alaska VA HCS/Elmendorf AFB
 - Selected Sites: Coordinated Staffing & Assignment
 - ✓ Hampton VA Med Cen/Langley AFB
 - Selected Sites: Medical Information & Information Technology
 - ✓ South Texas VA HCS/Wilford Hall Med Cen & Brooke AMC
 - Currently reviewing business plans – final plans due Apr 04
 - Sites must begin demos on or before 1 Oct 2004

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Incentivizing Collaboration

Can It Be Done?

- ❖ Constraints and limitations
 - No SG dollars...seed money
 - What is the “resource tail”
 - Facility size and capability
- ❖ Win-Win Relationships
 - Collaboration is key